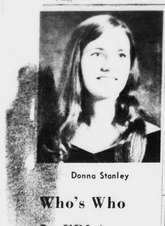

Donna Stanley

Who's Who In FBLA

Who's Who in FBLA for the month of December is Donna Stanley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Stanley of Route 3, Appomattox.

She brought cookies and helped serve at tea. She assisted the business department in typing report cards. She helped serve and brought things for the teachers' tea and worked on the homecoming float. She wrote minutes for September meeting and submitted reports to Mr. Tucker and Brenda Cottrell.

She attended the pre-school planning meeting, the meeting with Mr. Tucker, the Longwood planning meeting, and has attended all club meetings this year.

She has also been to Amherst to reactivate their chapter and her latest activities were selling candy at Kings, bringing food for Thanksgiving basket, and typing for the Bloodmobile.

She serves on the float, social and recreation, scrapbook, and chapter promotion committies and is secretary for our club.

Art Spreads Story Of His Birth

The Nativity scene has always stimulated and challenged painters and sculptors.

In turn, great works of art depicting the story of the birth of Christ have, through the years, enriched the lives and enhanced the spiritual insights of millions.

Earliest Christian art was simple and graphic, as clear and easy to appreciate as a comic strip.

Later, religious paintings became stilted.

Then, Italian Renaissance painters instilled renewed warmth and humanity into art, renewing, too, individual art appreciation, through their natural, lifelike creations.

Their work gained much from the stimulus of the changing times and the new approach to art, fostered by the support of the Medici and commissions for paintings and sculpture from the church.

For instance, Raphael, famous for the "Sistine Madonna," came to Rome from Florence to do a fresco decoration in the Vatican at the same time that Michelangelo was painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

Artists from other countries, too, traveled to Italy, there to experience and be influenced by Renaissance thought and feeling.

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By Any Name, Santa Always Pleases Children, Guards Fortunes of Many Adults, Too

When what's his name arrives in town, everyone is glad to see him.

Who's that again? Oh, Santa Claus, of course. Or he could be—depending on where he is—St. Nick, Pere Noel, Father Christmas, St. Nicholas, Kris Kringle.

Washington Irving called him Father Knickerbocker. To Russians, he's Grandfather Frost.

This magical man of many names not only brings gifts, he also has a lot of special gifts and powers, according to the lore of Christmas.

Santa inherits his powers from St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop.

Consequently, he's said to be gifted at guarding the fortunes of children, merchants and sailors. He takes a special interest in helping single girls find husbands, and the earliest pawnbrokers called him their patron.

Pine Bark Beetles Threaten Central Virginia

According to Bill Waddell, Campbell County forest technician; Warren Taylor, Appomattox County forester and David Smith, chief forest warden for Appomattox County, Virginia pine forests are faced with an epidemic that could prove to be a disaster.

The threat comes from the pine bark beetle which is multiplying and spreading by leaps and bounds.

"The present epidemic is bordering on a disaster," says Warren Taylor, Appomattox County forester. "Beetle damage may reach $100,000 just in Appomattox County.

Taylor made his comments while inspecting an infested area between Hollywood and Hurtsville. He was accompanied by David Smith, chief forest warden for Appomattox County, and Bill Waddell, a forest technician from Campbell County.

The infested area was barely discernible from the road. A few telltale reddish pine tops, denoting dead trees in an otherwise healthy looking tract of planted pines, was the only clue.

A mile away, another patch of dead pines was clearly visible. The "hot spot" was pinpointed on a map for investigation.

Once inside the tract under inspection, beetle devastation was obvious. An estimated 15 acres of planted pines were either brown or turning brown.

"The few green ones you see are dead and don't know it," said Taylor.

The trees, in this case, were of pulpwood size or larger. Many of the trunks were pockmarked with what foresters call popcorn.

The pine bark beetle is a small, black, hard shelled bug. The female bores under the bark where it eats the cambium (growth layer) and lays eggs. The hatching larvae also feed on the cambium which has the effect of girdling the tree and killing it.

By the time a tree turns brown, the beetles have left it and are in adjacent green trees. A healthy tree may succumb to attack and turn brown in three weeks.

Rate of spread is hard to determine other than to say it will steadily increase as the epidemic progresses. A new generation of insects is hatched every 30 to 45 days.

There is at least one logical explanation for the present epidemic. Beetles, normally inactive during the winter, maintained their reproductive cycle last year due to an unusually mild winter. A wet spring, encountered last year, also may have favored the high incidence of beetles.

The unfortunate part of the present epidemic is that damage and spread could be held down by proper forest management.

"People are reluctant to believe what we're telling them," said Taylor. Beetles are always doing some damage and landowners are used to seeing it. "They don't realize that this is a major epidemic."

The primary control method includes early identification with immediate and complete cutting of affected trees. This involves circeling affected areas with a 100 foot buffer strip and cutting everything inside the circle. Laps or bows are thrown to the center of the stripped area.

The best hope for combating the beetle epidemic may be nature itself. According to Taylor, below freezing temperatures for seven consecutive days will kill the majority of bugs. If you have your money tied up in timber, you might try praying for more cold weather.

May its message of joy and peace remain with you and yours, always.

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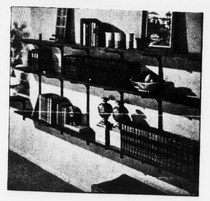

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Mistletoe Has Powers

Mysterious powers by the dozens have been credited to mistletoe, among them the power to heal, to ward off evil, to summon ghosts and force them to answer questions.

At present, the most prized property of mistletoe is the license it gives for plenty of Yuletide kissing. Fortunately, there's plenty of mistletoe.

Thanks to the birds, the plant spreads widely. The birds eat mistletoe berries and carry the seeds to trees near and far, say the editors of the Encyclopedia International.

'Greetings' Say It's Christmas

All the merriment, all the magic, all the glory of Christmas comes now to the people of this community, like a wonderful package of gifts they can share and enjoy. The wrappings on the package glow with brightest promise—joyful music in the air, gleaming lights and gala decorations, fun and festivity, trees and greens and all the trimmings for a Christmas just brimming over with the good things and glad times that the season inspires.

Now that the long-awaited moment has arrived, what does this community Christmas package hold? The tag gives a clue. It reads, "Greetings, good will and good wishes —Merry Christmas!"

In the community, in the home, in business and social relations, the true spirit of Christmas begins and grows from greetings.

The greetings may be—as evidenced by this special Christmas Greetings Edition—an expression of good will and gratitude from business people of the community, who are sincere in their desire to impart special appreciation of their patrons' confidence and trust.

But whether it's a cheery "Merry Christmas" to a new acquaintance, a warm exchange of season's best wishes with an old friend or still deeper exchange of felicitations with a loved one, the holiday greeting embodies the guiding spirit of "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Enchanting as they are, gifts, parties and other such gaieties are but the outer wrappings of the holiday package that means Christmas, with its message of fellowship, friendship and love.

Told in Rhyme

The story of the Nativity and its meaning for mankind is a favored poetic theme, as is the holiday cheer of hearth and home.

Poets as diverse as William Shakespeare, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, John Greenleaf Whittier and T. S. Eliot have made their contributions.

Numerous carols first were poems—witness Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day":

"And the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat,
'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep.'"

Probably the overwhelmingly winner among widely-known secular Christmas poems is Clement Clark Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas."

The poem, written for his own children in 1822, is popularly called, "'Twas the Night before Christmas."

Visitors From Roanoke

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Moses, of Roanoke, visited in the home of Mrs. Dan Moses and also visited relatives on Tuesday.

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It is the intention of the Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County, Virginia to adopt at its meeting on February 9, 1973, the following ordinance, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE TO BE KNOWN AS A COUNTY VEHICLE LICENSE TAX ORDINANCE.

APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE GENERALLY.

Every licensed motor vehicle operated on the highways or roads within the County of Appomattox and not exempt from taxation under the provisions of this article shall be construed to require the payment of a license tax upon farm tractors or implements as are exclusively employed in transporting farm products, provisions, manure or other things to be used at the owner's farm or dwelling.

AMOUNT OF TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLE.

Defined.

On each licensed motor vehicle, there shall be levied a license tax of $10 dollars. This tax shall not be required of any person who is not actually reside in the County or actually own a motor vehicle in the County in the conduct of his occupation, profession or for his private use. The "reside" as used in this section shall be construed to mean have a place of abode in the County' irrespective of the intention of any person to return to some residence outside the County at some future time.

LICENSE TAX YEAR: TIME OF ASSESSMENT.

The license tax year for license taxes imposed by this ordinance shall commence on the first day of April each year and expire on the 31st day of March of each succeeding year. The tax imposed by this article shall become assessable and effective upon April 1, 1973.

ISSUANCE, DISPLAY AND TRANSFERABILITY OF LICENSE DECAL.

Any person coming under the provisions of this article shall make application for a license before April 1st on such forms prescribed by the County Treasurer at the office of the County Treasurer and upon payment of the required license tax, upon the production of satisfactory evidence that the Appomattox County Personal Property tax has been paid in full, each person shall be issued, as evidence of payment of license tax, a decal. The license decal shall be affixed to the inside lower center portion of the vehicle's windshield so as not to block the operator's view and so that it is plainly visible. Failure to display the license decal shall be construed as a violation of this article even though the license tax has been paid. It shall be unlawful for any person to whom a license decal is issued upon the payment of license tax provided for in this article, unless in compliance with this article, to transfer, rent, sell, assign or transfer such decal to any other vehicle or person or to other wise permit another to use in any manner such decal during any license year for which the license decal is issued.

LOST LICENSE DECAL.

A duplicate license decal shall be issued at a cost of one dollar upon affidavit of the applicant that the original decal issued to that person and issued pursuant to this article has been lost or destroyed.

UNLAWFUL TO HAVE IN POSSESSION LICENSE DECAL ISSUED TO ANOTHER.

It shall be unlawful for any person in this County to have in his possession with intent to defraud the County of Appomattox a license decal issued pursuant to this article to any other than the holder thereof.

ARTICLE NOT APPLICABLE TO PERSONS EXEMPTED BY STATE LAW.

Nothing in this article shall be construed to require the payment of tax of a person exempted under provisions of the state statute.

SALE OR TRANSFER OF LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLE.

Every person having paid the current year's license tax on a motor vehicle holding a current motor vehicle license decal and who sells the motor vehicle for which the license decal was issued shall be entitled to be issued a new license decal for a motor vehicle upon application to the County Treasurer's Office, payment of $1.00 transfer fee and the production to said Treasurer of the current license decal removed from the windshield of the former motor vehicle.

PRORATION.

After the license tax becomes assessable for the ensuing year, one half of the license tax prescribed by this article shall be assessed and collected, whenever during the period from and on the first day of October in any year, and ending on the thirty-first day of March in the same license year, the license issued upon the payment of the license tax shall be valid at the end of the license tax year in which the same is issued.

REFUNDS FOR UNUSED LICENSE TAX.

Every person holding a current motor vehicle license and disposing of the vehicle for which it was issued, or acquiring another vehicle shall be entitled to a refund of half of the license tax paid by him, upon a surrender before the first day of October of the then current license year, of the County license decal and the proper state license certificate from the State Motor Vehicle Commissioner, that the proper state officer, that the state license and registration certificate have been surrendered. Such refund shall be made by the Treasurer of the County from the treasury of the County.

PENALTY AND ENFORCEMENT.

Every person who violates any provision of this article shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than $10.00 nor more than $100.00, recoverable before the County Court of Appomattox County upon a summons issued by the Appomattox County Sheriff's Department.

A COPY. TESTE: ALDAH E. GORDON

YOUNG FARMER OFFICERS —L. to R. Jimmy Bondurant, Treasurer; Bill Williamson, President; Special Guest, Beverly Roller, Assistant State Supervisor of Agricultural Education; and Sam Davidson, Secretary. Not pictured Jim Braford, Vice President.

Young Farmers Install Officers

The Appomattox Young Farmers association held its installation of officers and Ladies Night Banquet on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Parkwood, Master of ceremonies was Association President, Jimmy Martin.

Chapter members were recognized for outstanding achievements. M. Harris, Jr. was named as Southside Area Star Farmer award winner. R. Bondurant is state competitor for this $1500 award. Master Farmer and Sheila Martin were named as Southside area outstanding Young Farm Families. Other officers received a Silver Plate and checks for $100 at meeting. They will also represent the State YF Convention.

Other Young Farmer officers included: President, Bill Williamson; Vice - President, Jim Braford; Secretary, Sam Davidson and Treasurer, Jim Bondurant. Advisors are B. F. Sauls and D. W. Torrence.

Mr. Beverly Roller, Assistant State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Northern Virginia and former State Legislator, was guest speaker.

Many thanks goes to sponsor for the banquet; The Farmers National Bank, Webb's Tire Service, Fidelity National Bank and Joe Hardware.

The 24 members of the Appomattox Young Farmers are just part of the adult education program offered by the Agricultural Education Department in our school system. Instruction is geared to young farmers and other agriculturalists in Appomattox.

Do You Remember?

Old enough to remember when America if you remember when you never heard your country could lose. Back when left your front door open at night.

Back when went to church and never preached from the pulpit.

When God was a girl, when a boy, and you could tell the difference.

When the word "Socialist" was a term of praise.

When a poor were too proud to beg.

When a nickel was worth five cents.

When people bragged about your country, your state and your town.

When the flag was a sacred emblem.

When a man's government stood for Americans.

When a man who went wrong paid, not his mother's sins or his father's income.

When everyone knew right from wrong—even Harvard professors.

When things were not perfect but people expect them to be. When people still had the capacity for indignation.

When it meant that you were well well.

When people expected less and when they had more.

When everyone was not entitled to an annual wage, whether earned or not.

When the President of the United States sang "God Bless America" and not "We Shall Overcome."

When a man's word was his bond.

When America was the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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Safe Driving Tip

Glares, protect your eyes! Prolonged exposure to glare from either sunlight or headlights can ruin seeing ability at night. The Highway Safety Division of Virginia reminds you to wear good sunglasses on sunny days, removing them when the sun goes down. To protect against blinding headlight glare, look slightly to the right of the oncoming lights.

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Veterans News

Editor's note: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at the VA office.

Q -- My wife served in the Marine Corps during World War I. She passed away several years ago, but her illness and death had nothing to do with her military service. I hear there is some kind of new law allowing widowers like me to get a VA pension. Is this true?

A--Yes. This is Public Law 92-540. But there is an income limitation for the pension.

Q -- My husband was killed in the Army in Vietnam and I would like to enroll in a well known university in Paris, France. Will VA help me do this?

A--Yes. If you are eligible for assistance under the Dependent Educational Assistance Program, you may now attend approved foreign institutions of higher learning.

Q -- My brother is blind from a Vietnam war injury. He's home but we can't seem to get him interested in living again. Isn't VA doing anything about young men like him?

A -- VA recently entered into an agreement with the Blinded Veterans Association for B. V. A. representatives, themselves blinded, to augment VA services to blinded veterans.

Q --My husband was totally disabled as the result of an accident he was in the Air Force. With him and the children to look after, I can't leave home to go to school so I can get a job. Can VA arrange for me to go to school at night or take a correspondence course?

A -- Yes. Women in your situation are eligible for education benefits under more liberal rules under the new education law. Please discuss this with the Veterans assistance officer at the nearest VA regional office.

Social Security Law changes Disability Filing Restriction

Social Security Law changes disability filing restriction

Application for disability benefits may be filed after a worker's death under new provisions of the social security law becoming effective in January, according to Mr. William J. Vinson, social security district manager in Lynchburg.

"This change won't affect many people, but it can be important to some families, "Mr. Vinson said.

"But, there is a deadline for filing such applications," Mr. Vinson said.

In the future, survivors will have three months after a disabled worker's death to file an application for his retroactive disability insurance benefits, he explained.

"But an application must be filed before February 1, 1973, if the worker died in October 1972 or earlier," Mr. Vinson said.

Previously, applications for disability benefits had to be filed while the disabled worker was still alive.

The change in the law will provide benefits to the survivors of workers who were severely disabled for six months before their death but for some reason didn't apply for benefits.

"If it's found that the worker was eligible for disability payments, his survivors will be able to get retroactive disability payments as well as any survivors benefits that may be payable now or in the future," Mr. Vinson said.

To get more information about for a Period of disability before the disabled worker died, or to apply for benefits, call write or visit your social security office located in the Tarkington Building, 2600 Memorial Avenue, Lynchburg, Va., 24501. The telephone number is 847-8856. Office hours are from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday. The office is closed on Saturdays.

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Troop 546 Conducts Court Of Honor

At the Court of Honor conducted for Boy Scout Troop 546 on Tuesday night, December 12th, scouts advancing in rank are shown in the picture above. They are, back row from left to right, Donald Scruggs, 2nd Class; Raymond Fleshman, 2nd Class; Tibbie Allen, 2nd Class; Floyd Flint, III, 2nd Class; Kenneth Holt, 2nd Class; Jack Goldstein, 2nd Class; and David Bryant, Tenderfoot and 2nd Class. On the front row, from left to right, are Neal Goldstein, Assistant Scout Master; Steve Lawhorne, Tenderfoot; Randy Hipps, Tenderfoot; Phillip Seay, Tenderfoot; and Floyd Flint, Jr., Scout Master.

The scouts and parents of Appomattox Boy Scout Troop 546 gathered at the Memorial United Methodist Church on Tuesday, December 12, 1972, for a dinner and Court of Honor ceremonies.

The dinner of ham, sweet potatoes, beans and cranberries with red chocolate cake dessert was prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Mary Frances Bryant. Mrs. Bryant was assisted by Mrs. John Hudson, and Mrs. Floyd Flint. Also all of the parents had a hand in the dinner by supplying the food.

The Rev. Henry Riley, pastor of the church, was present and gave the opening invocation. Also present was Mr. Joe Terry and his wife. Mr. Terry had served as Troop Treasurer for many years.

Troop leaders received a pleasant surprise when 2nd Class Scout Raymond Fleshman, on behalf of the entire troop, presented official scouter coats to Scout Master Floyd Flint and Assistant Scout Mastr Neal Goldstein.

Following the dinner, a series of slides depicting the troop's activities over the past year were shown by Mr. Goldstein.

Mr. Goldstein was singled out for his exceptional performance of double duty during the extended absence of the Scout Master.

Entertainment was provided during the evening by the scouts. The Apache Patrol presented a skit showing first aid skills they had learned. The Flaming Arrow Patrol gave a couple of humorous skits and the Flying Eagle Patrol sang a campfire song.

The main event of the evening was the Court of Honor Ceremony. This ceremony, which is only conducted three times a year is the time when the scouts are recognized for their achievements and officially presented with their badge of rank.

All of the scouts were recognized for their work in the National SOAR Program this past summer and for their efforts in the recently completed Tom-Wat fund raising project.

Begins in Italy

Christmas belongs to the people. So thought St. Francis of Assisi.

His way of helping his Italian parishioners grow closer to Christmas was to create the very first *praesepe*, or Christmas crib.

His carol, "The Song of the Creatures," made the Nativity still more real to them since it told of the lowly animals which were part of their lives and livelihood.

All this happened early in the 13th century. From that time, the idea of the creche or crib has spread to virtually every country on the globe.

Today, especially in Latin America and Europe, the manger scene sets the theme for a holy and happy Christmastide.

Greens Have Meaning

Greens that adorn home, streets and stores at holiday time entered the lore of Christmas from pagan rites of old.

The ancients believed that each green had its own significance, and an ability to do certain good—or evil—things.

Ivy, they thought, was festive. Its convivial nature came from Bacchus.

Yew and cypress had the highest virtues. Theirs was the quality, and the symbol, of eternal life.

Inspires Music

In serious music as well as popular carols, the Nativity scene lives on.

Handel's "Messiah," Bach's "Christmas Oratorio," Berlioz' "L'Enfance du Christ" are noteworthy examples of music performed year after year at Christmas.

More recently, Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," Honegger's "Christmas Cantata" and Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" have joined the holiday medley of musical treatments.

Christmas brings to mind the peacefulness and wonder of the Holy Night when Christ came into the world.

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